United Methodist – Episcopal Dialogue Meeting  
September 30 - October 2, 20019  
Boston University School of Theology

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In Attendance: Bishop Gregory Palmer, Kyle Tau, Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, Pamela Lightsey, Margaret Rose, Karen Coleman, Tom Ferguson, Mariclair Partee Carlsen, Deidre Good

- Welcome from Dean Mary Elizabeth Moore  
  o (Offers note on Anglican-Episcopal House of Learning at BU SOT)

- Tom and Province 1 folks are ready for a regional conversation on the full communion, New England Conference folks are open to it but didn’t have bandwidth when they first reached out
  o Tom will talk to Julie (Province 1 Coordinator) about scheduling some kind of gathering in 2020
  o Jay Williams is head of delegation for New England Conference, should participate in this kind of conversation
  o Kyle will follow up again with New England Conference Folks
  o Ask Bishop Brown to communication with Bishop Devadhar about this (Deirdre)

- Bishop Brown (Diocese Maine) is enthusiastic and wants to do something to promote the full communion agreement

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- Discussion of legislative process for UM GC2020
  o We need to get the Faith and Order Committee list (Kyle)
  o See how we can get this matter dispensed with earlier in the agenda for GC (Palmer)
    ▪ Who is on Agenda Committee?
    ▪ Best strategy to get Faith and Order to report as early in the conference as possible

- Videos
  o Complete releases and coordinate a joint press release about availability of all videos
- Create compilation video of all of them
- Can still add other videos...

- Ask Richard to make Facebook posts automatically go to Twitter, ask about other social media platforms

FAQs and Talking Points
- Intended for very selective audience. New Bishops in the House of Bishops.
- Can we use the College for Bishops (new bishops training, 3 years) as a place to put these out?
- We will send out a greeting from the dialogue committee co-chairs to new bishops with talking points and some context on the dialogue (Deirdre to start with first draft)

House of Bishops and Other Communications Strategy Items
- Be prepared for new crop of slate bishops between now and General Convention 2021 to whom we can send similar introductory letter.
- Consider more articles, blog posts
  - Pamela suggests an article on the ongoing work of ending discrimination, no one has “arrived” and we all have more work to do.
  - Pamela will take a stab at writing something for an op-ed in our news services
  - Pamela as author, by line with “Member of UM-Episcopal Church Dialogue Committee,” in addition to other biographical items...
- Perhaps get a short video from an Episcopal Church bishop on the same notes above: i.e. We all have a long way to go. PB? Diocesan Bishop?
  - Michael Curry?
  - Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows (Indianapolis)?
  - Eugene Sutton (Maryland)?
  - Reach out to Eugene Sutton about a video piece (Margaret)

Regional Gatherings
- Task force on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations of the Episcopal Church General Convention has expressed a willingness to take up leadership on regional gatherings in their areas
- Will encourage them to reach out to Methodist counterparts in their area and perhaps have a liaison person from the dialogue committee to be in conversation with them about the gatherings (Margaret)
- Will focus these gatherings on General Conference Delegates and General Convention Deputies
  - Many deputies will be elected this fall
  - Can potentially get deputies and delegates together with bishops in early 2020

UM Delegations
- Focus this outreach on the delegates assigned to the Faith and Order Committee
- Reach out to Gary for this list (Kyle)
- Other legislative communication networks and places where people will be supportive, i.e. UMNext, RMN (Ginger and James)
- Do we risk stirring up resistance to this if we put this on the radar screen of certain delegations? In light of this we plan at the moment not to do direct outreach to all delegations/leaders of delegations, but will focus on Faith and Order Committee Members and groups who we know will be supportive...

Richard to send out Doodle poll for a 2-hour ZOOM check-in in February